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## Advertisement.

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THE Publisher of the ECLECTIC REVIEW, avails himself of the close of the half year, to announce the Volume just completed, as the first of a New Series of the Work; and he begs permission briefly to state the reasons which have induced the Proprietors deliberately to adopt this designation for their future Numbers.

It is now ten years since this Publication commenced. It originated in laudable and disinterested motives, and it was for a long time supported, at a considerable loss, chiefly by those few individuals by whom it was projected. The Work was professedly established 'on principles the most catholic, liberal, and benevolent.' It overlooked 'the distinctions of sect and the niceties of theological disputation, among pious Christians,' and 'disclaimed all party views and personal interests.' 'To arouse the Christian world to a perception of the important influence which Literature possesses in obstructing or in accelerating the progress of religious truth and human happiness, was a principal object' of the undertaking. Whatever discordance of character with these professions, whatever inconsistency of conduct may occasionally have been manifested, in any articles of the numerous writers who have been em-

played during the progress of the Review, there is good reason to suppose that there has been no variation of intention, nor any relaxation, either of principle or of effort, on the part of the Proprietors themselves. They hoped, by entering into a compact of neutrality on disputed points of minor importance, to engage that active support from those of every religious distinction, who feel interested in the professed objects of the Work, which should secure in the most effectual way, an honourable consistency in waiving the topics of inferior controversy, in order to a more powerful co-operation for advancing the fundamental interests of truth, piety, and charity. But this ideal excellence their exertions could not realize, for the simple reason, that one great class in the religious world soon intimated that its portion of aid, in the composition of the Work, was to be retained on no other terms than such a surrendering deference on the part of others as justice and conscience could by no means permit. The latter class soon became, of necessity, the chief supporters of the Work, and the most efficient contributors to its literary conduct. It was, therefore, unavoidable that the Review should take its character from its principal and almost sole conductors; and it came, in a few years, to be attributed to that part of the community who are generally supposed to be the warmest advocates of rational liberty, both civil and religious; and who, though sincere friends to the Ecclesiastical Establishment of their country, are compelled, by religion and conscience, respectfully to dissent from it.

On this point of concert and co-operation, the present Conductors of the Review entertain sentiments different from those of its founders. They are equally sincere in disclaiming all party views, and adopting as the basis of their Work, principles the most catholic



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